## --- "Series of 1880-81" - RE-WORKED TOBACCO - (RW) - Montreal Division - 3rd BABN Contract ---

**--- lithographed in VIOLET ink - 238 x 20 mm. - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---**

**--- inscribed 1/4 over** *LICENSE* **and lb. over** No..... **plus** *S.M. Return No. ..... / J. L. Vincent* ***Collector*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

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John McKay records that 122,645 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 lb. Brown Tobacco", and both 14,000 and 27,355 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Violet Ribbon Tobacco" as being 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Probably this dual entry represents the Windsor Division "G 64", and the Windsor Division [ ] strips. He has grouped the Division Open and the Division "Specific" stamps.

McKay further records that 75,272 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 lb. Violet Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), which was generally reserved for *obsolete* BABN production 'Delivered' to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all brown and violet re-worked strips have been declared *obsolete*, and thus many of these sheets were *control-free*.

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| **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886) - | 122,645 brown |
| | 14,000 violet |
| | 27,355 violet |
| **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) - | 75,272 violet - and also brown - JBH |
| | 239,272 |

During February / March 1888, BABN 'Delivered' their remaining 75,272 violet and brown 1/4th pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number.

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The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, violet, Montreal RE-WORKED strip as follows:

**RW-37** - 1/4th pound, violet, Montreal, perf 12, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

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**RW-37n** - 1/4th pound, violet, Montreal Division, perforated 12, *without* control numbering, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

This copy is dated on the reverse [ *22 / 12 / 82* ] in black ink - which may be the date of lithographing, or the date on which the philatelist received the strip.

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**--- RW-37 - 1/4th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---**

**RW-37** - 1/4th pound, violet, Montreal Division, perforated 12, control number **003962**,
lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

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| **000006** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **003880** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **003908** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **003910** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **003920** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **003926** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |
| **003962★** | RW-37 | 1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh |

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